NOAA Libraries

OverDrive Collection Development Policy

Purpose

The OverDrive platform provides NOAA-wide access to popular non-fiction books and magazines not found in the UBCM Wiley Ebooks, Proquest Ebook Central, or eJournal collections. It was purchased to provide access to titles that have been requested on a growingly frequent basis in support of NOAA Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), leadership, and staff, as well as formal agency book groups and trainings.

Scope

Titles collected in OverDrive will reflect overall NOAA Network Libraries collection development policies.

Subject areas to be included in the NOAA-wide OverDrive Collection will focus primarily in the following areas (but are not limited to these areas):

- Career Development (including Coaching / Mentorship)
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Employee & Organizational Development (including Strategic Learning / Planning)
- Leadership / Management
- Popular Science in NOAA research areas
- Work / Life Balance
- Preventing Workplace Violence (including SASH)

Exclusions from the collection include (but are not limited to these areas):

- Titles already available in the Wiley UBCM or Ebook Central account
- Juvenile/young adult literature
- Fiction/novels
- Books in foriegn languages
- Titles on specific medical diagnosis or conditions
- Textbooks used for non-NOAA training/classes
- Personal self-help titles not related to included areas above

The OverDrive Collection will also be used to fill gaps in our other ebook collections when a title is only available via OverDrive. Titles added based on this criteria will fall within the major research areas of the agency including: atmospheric science, fisheries, geophysics, information technology, oceanography, and weather.

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